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PATENT 8030-1001

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takaaki TOYOOKA et al.

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STEEL TUBE FOR USE IN REINFORCEMENT OF AUTOMOBILE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 6, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.